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QUOTE

S E C R E T TOKYO 11899

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E.O.11652: XGDS-2
TAGS: MARR, ESTC, JA, US, UR
SUBJECT: FORESTALLING ACQUISITION OF SOVIET DEEP SEA SEARCH
CAPABILITY

REF: STATE 184556

1. INFORMATION IN REFTEL PASSED TO NEC AUGUST 8.

2. OCEAN SYSTEMS INC.- JAPAN HAS NOT YET APPROACHED
NEC TO REGAIN EQUIPMENT. WE AND THEY ASSUME OCEAN
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SYSTEMS DOES NOT KNOW THAT SECURITY INTERESTS ARE
INVOLVED, AND THAT THEY THEREFORE SHOULD NOT BE
CONTACTED BY US IN TOKYO. ASSUME WE SHOULD LEAVE
PHYSICAL RETURN OF EQUIPMENT TO THEM.

3. NEC IS CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT IT WILL TELL SOVIET
CUSTOMER. IT FEARS THAT TELLING THEM THAT EQUIPMENT

WAS DAMAGED IN SHIPMENT WILL ONLY LEAD TO DEMAND FOR REPLACEMENT WITH SAME SPECIFICATIONS. HOPES THEREFORE THAT STATED GROUNDS FOR CHANGE CAN BE SOMETHING LIKE "BASIC DEFECT HAS BEEN FOUND THAT REQUIRES REPLACEMENT OF KEY UNITS."

4. TEAM OF SOVIET ASSESSMENT INSPECTORS EXPECTED HERE AUGUST 15 AND CABLE SHIP IS DUE AUGUST 20 FOR INSTALLATION. OBVIOUSLY NEC NEEDS INFORMATION PROMPTLY IN ORDER TO DEVELOP PLAUSIBLE SCENARIO.

5. NEC IS GRATIFIED AT REASSURANCE RE FINANCIAL ASPECTS OF RETURN BUT IS CLEARLY MOST CONCERNED ABOUT LONG-RANGE IMPLICATIONS FOR COMPANY (AND COUNTRY'S) RELATIONSHIP WITH SOVIETS.

ACTION REQUESTED

6. PROMPT FURTHER CONTACT TO OCEAN SYSTEMS INC. TO ARRANGE TO REMOVE DSS-125 FROM NEC CONTROL.

7. INDICATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE OF WHAT NEC CAN TELL SOVIETS AND WHAT SUBSTITUTE WILL BE OFFERED. MANSFIELD UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER".

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